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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7075**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1280

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 21, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Campgrounds in Regional Sewage Districts.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Wolkins

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill applies to a campground that: (1) is served by a regional sewage district; and (2) elects to be billed based on the actual amount of sewage discharged by the campground during a calendar year; it provides that the campground's highest monthly meter reading during the year shall be used to determine the resident equivalent units for monthly billing purposes. (Current law bases the resident equivalent units on the campground's highest weekly meter reading during the year.)

The bill allows a campground owner or operator who disputes any of the following to request a review of the matter by the Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC): (1) The meter reading used to determine resident equivalent units. (2) The number of resident equivalent units determined. (3) The basic monthly charge for service. (4) Additional charges imposed on the campground. The bill also requires the IURC to investigate the dispute and issue a final decision on the matter.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2005 (retroactive).

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill would require the IURC to investigate a dispute and issue a final decision on the matter. Depending on the number of review requests received by the IURC, this bill could increase the use of personnel resources.

If additional resources are required, they could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. As

of December 2004, the IURC had 67 full-time employees and 3 vacancies. For FY 2004, the IURC reverted \$5,000. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** IURC.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** *Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Close-Out Statement*, State Budget Agency; State of Indiana HRM Detail Staffing Report.

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